

At page 27, replace the second paragraph, lines 18-29, with the following:

Pharmaceutical Compositions

In General. The present invention also provides methods of using pharmaceutical compositions of the inventive compounds. Such pharmaceutical compositions may be for administration for injection, or for oral, pulmonary, nasal, transdermal or other forms of administration. In general, the invention encompasses pharmaceutical compositions comprising effective amounts of a compound of the invention together with pharmaceutically acceptable diluents, preservatives, solubilizers, emulsifiers, adjuvants and/or carriers. Such compositions include diluents of various buffer content (*e.g.*, Tris-HCl, acetate, phosphate), pH and ionic strength; additives such as detergents and solubilizing agents (*e.g.*, TWEENTM 80, Polysorbate 80), anti-oxidants (*e.g.*, ascorbic acid, sodium metabisulfite),

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 5 and 7 to 16.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended). A process for preparing a pharmacologically active compound, which comprises:
 - (a) preparing a pharmacologically active compound comprising an Fc domain in *E. coli*;
 - (b) treating the pharmacologically active compound with a copper (II) halide in a concentration of at least about 10 mM; and
 - (c) isolating the treated fusion molecule;wherein the pharmacologically active compound is an IL-1ra protein.